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### III. Complaint: A Class Action

[01.] This is a **Class Action** under Rule 23(a) and Rule 23(b)(2) of the **Federal Rules of Civil Procedure** and pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C.A. § 1453(c)(2) and § 1711. Plaintiff brings this action not only on behalf of himself, but also as representative of all **Others** similarly situated: Michigan State prison inmates who are members of the **Washitaw Nation of Muurs**. Plaintiffs' Class is so numerous that to joinder of all members is impractical. The Certification of each Plaintiff for "relief" is appropriate under Rule 23(b)(2) and the **Prison Litigation Reform Act** of April 26, 1996 [42 U.S.C.A. § 1997(1)(B)(ii) and § 1997b(a)(1)(C)] and the **Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act** of September 22, 2000 [42 U.S.C.A. § 2000cc-2 and § 2000cc-2(a)].

[02.] This is a **Civil Rights Action** under the **Civil Rights Act** of July 2, 1964, pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-1 [78 Stat 243-244; PL 88-352, Title II, § 201-202] for "discrimination supported by state action" enforced by State officials and employees "under color of State law" [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 2000a(b), (b)(1) & (b)(2) and 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-2]. The District Court has "jurisdiction" pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-6(a) [78 Stat 245; PL 88-352, Title II, § 207].

[03.] Plaintiff's seek **Declaratory Relief** for **First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment(s)** "deprivation of rights" violations: The "establishment" clause, "free exercise of religion" clause, right to be secure in personal effects clause and "equal protection of the laws" clause, among others constitutional prohibitions, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(3), § 2000cc-2(e), § 2000a-3 and § 2000a-5(a)(3): The "equal protection of the laws," pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) and 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(a)(3), as well as 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 1996a(d)(2), (d)(3) & (d)(4).

[04.] Plaintiff's also seek **Injunctive Relief** under 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-3 in the form of a "permanent injunction," pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-5(a)(3), requiring Defendants to provide "equal access" under 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a(a) to all public places enjoyed by all other Illinois State prison inmates: particularly "meeting space for religious services," pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 1997b(a)(1)(A) with the proviso "prohibition" against "retaliation" under 42 U.S.C.A. § 1997d.

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[05.] NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, **Rickey Robinson-El** and **Jason K. Taylor-El**, and **Others** like themselves, appearing by "special appearance" [not general appearance] in their "proper person" [a "natural person"] and within their alien jurisdiction [alieni juria] on the soil [sui juris], who respectfully move this court under **Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 8 and Rule 7:**

A. Rule 8(a)(1)Grounds for Support of the Court's Jurisdiction;

Rule 8(a)(2) Grounds for Entitlement of Relief;

Rule 8(a)(3)Demand for Judgment for the Relief sought: in the alternative / different types;

Rule 7(a) Reply To Defendant's Motion For Dismissal;

Rule 7(b) Motion For Judgment On The Pleadings;

Rule 7(b)(1) Application for an Order for Relief;

B. And for the entry of an **ORDER** granting Plaintiff's **Motion for Leave to Proceed** under this **Amend Complaint**, pursuant to Title 28 of the **United States Codes Annotated** § 1453(c)(2). Defendants have acted at all times with a willful disregard for the constitutional and statutory rights of the Class of **Illinois State** prison inmates. Defendants' deliberate practices and policies, where this Class of inmates are concerned, are bias toward deprivation of the rights of **Indigenous/Indian Peoples or Non-Resident Aliens**.

## V. Jurisdictional Statement

[06.] Plaintiff **Rickey Robinson-El** and **Jason K. Taylor-El**, and all **Others** similarly situated, are, and were, at all material times, citizens of the **Washitaw Nation of Muurs**, a foreign state, and were residents thereof. As "U.S. non-citizen nationals" of an Indigenous/Indian nation, Plaintiffs are, and were, "domicile" in the **Michigan Republic** [Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution]; but at no material times were Plaintiffs citizens or residents of the **State of Illinois** [an artificial entity] or the **United States, Inc.** [resulting from an **Act of Congress** on February 21, 1871 [16 Stat. 419 (28 U.S.C. §176) "District of Columbia Organic Act"] [15 Stat 223-224 (July 27, 1868)].

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[07.] The **State of Illinois**, becoming the nation's 21<sup>ST</sup> state on December 03, 1818, and incorporated as an artificial entity pursuant to an Act of Congress on February 21, 1871 [16 Stat. 419], was brought under the political jurisdiction of the United States pursuant to an Act of Congress [The Buck Act] on October 9, 1940 [H.R. 6687]. The **State of Illinois** is regarded as a "corporation" pursuant to the **Buck Act**: Title 4 U.S.C. §§ 105–113 [Chapter 787, 54 Stat. 1059–1061]. A **Proviso**, at Title 4 U.S.C. § 109 [54 Stat. 1060 § 5], makes a distention between an organic/natural "state" [and/or "person"] and an incorporated "State" [and/or "persons"] that are either a citizen of the United States or a citizen of a foreign state [aka "Indigenous"/"Indian" entity]. **IDOC** Defendant **Officers** and **Employees** of the **State of Illinois** are, and at all material times were, citizens of the **United States** and residents of the **State of Illinois** for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. Defendant **Illinois Department of Corrections** ["**IDOC**"] was, and is, a political subdivisions [agency] of the **State of Illinois**. At all material times, Defendant **Illinois Department of Corrections**, and **Officers** and **Employees** thereof are, and were, acting under color of **Illinois** state law.

[08.] This is a **Civil Action** brought by the Plaintiffs **Rickey Robinson-El** and **Jason K. Taylor-El**, and all **Others** similarly situated, against the **State of Michigan** and the **Illinois Department of Corrections** ["**IDOC**"]. This **Class Action** is brought against certain **Officers** and/or **Employees** of the **IDOC** under the provisions of Sections 1983 et seq of Title 42 of the United States Codes as well as Section 241 et seq of Title 18 of the United States Codes, pursuant to **Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(d)(6)**. Prosecution under the above United States statutes would not harm the public interest, given the reasonable likelihood of Plaintiff's **Class** prevailing on its merits.

**VI. Plaintiffs' Class: Washitaw Adherents of Ismaili Islam**

[09.] Plaintiff's **Class** is a discrete indigenous, insular minority, **Ismaili Moslem** group of the **Islamic Faith**, with all of the traditional heritage and historical culture of the **Muurs** of Spain and Northwest Africa. The legacy of the **Muurs** stands on a equal par with any other religious groups, such as the: Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Catholics, Christians, etc.; and particularly other religious groups within the **Islam**, such as the: **Sunni**, **Shiites**, **Sufi**, etc..

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[10.] Accordingly, all adherents of **Islam** must be allowed: 1.) The “**religious special diet**” of the **Islamic Faith**: no pork or pork-by-products or a strict vegetarian diet; 2.) The **Islamic Ceremonial Attire** with sacred headdress, the **Red Fez**; and as required by the U.S. State Department, Departments of Homeland Security and of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3.) The **Washitaw Identification Documents** with Photograph wearing sacred headdress, the **Red Fez**; and 4.) No Muslim group may claim dominion over the “**religious observance**” of **Ramadan** and the **Friday Jumah Pray** at the close of **Ramadan** [occurring near the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the Ninth month of the Muslim calendar]. All adherents of **Islam** must have equal access to **Ramadan** and to the **Friday Jumah Pray** in accordance with the tenets of **Islam**.

## VII. IDOC Violations: U.S. Constitution, Treaties and Statutes

[11.] The Complaint constitute IDOC violations of “federally protected” rights and the refusal of IDOC to permit Washitaw inmates who are **Ismaili Moslems** to attend “religious services,” **Ramadan** and **Friday Jumah Pray**” violations of the Constitution, treaties and U.S. statutes :

1. U.S. Land Grant No. 923 of 1802:	Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2;
2. Louisiana Cession Treaty, Articles III & VI :	Article VI, Section 2 [8 Stat. 200];
3. U.S. Presidential Directive/Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994:	Treaty Authority];
4. Full Faith and Credit clause [Moorish Community]:	Article IV, Section 1 [28 USC §1739];
5. Exception on Indigenous and Religious Proviso:	4 U.S.C. §109; 54 Stat.1060 §5 1940;
6. Citizen of any foreign state, claiming Land Grant:	Article III, Section 2, ¶ 1.;
7. Sovereign American “natural born Citizen:”	Article II, Section 1, Clause 5;
8. U.S. Non-Citizen American National:	Section 3, 100 Stat 843, PL 99-396, 8 U.S.C. §1452.

[12.] Said violations, under which this suit is authorized, have their remedy in the **Civil Rights Act** [“CRA”]. Given the particulars of Plaintiff’s claim, this civil action proceeds under the **Civil Rights Act** of July 2, 1964, pursuant to **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-1** [78 Stat 243-244, PL 88-352, Title II, § 201-202, as codified at 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3)], **42 U.S.C. § 1983**; the **Prison Litigation Reform Act** of April 26, 1996 [**42 U.S.C.A. §1997(B)(ii) & §1997b(a)(1)(C)**] and the **Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act** of September 22, 2000 [**42 U.S.C.A. §2000cc-2** and **§2000cc-2(a)**].

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[13.] The district court shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions in the “**nature of mandamus**,” resulting from an **Extraordinary Writ**, to aid the court’s original jurisdiction, under **Article III** of the **United States Constitution**; the restriction under the **Amendment Eleven** is waved, pursuant to **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000cc-2(a)**, **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-6(a)** and **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-3**. Congress has given district courts the authority to review the actions of a department/agency of **State Governments**. When necessary, district courts have the power to compel **State Officers** or **Employees** to perform a duty owed to **Plaintiffs**, pursuant to **42 U.S.C. § 1983**, **18 U.S.C. § 241**, **§ 242**, & **§ 245** and under **Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(d)(3)** and **Rule 4(d)(6)**. Accordingly, a district court may substitute a department/agency in place of the **Defendant State of Illinois** because such “department” or “agency” may be sued in a United States district courts. See Griffin v Breckenridge, **403 U.S. 88** (1971).

## VIII. Cause Of Action

### Count I. Plaintiffs’ Establishment Clause Claim

[14.] **Washitaw Ismaili Moslems** are compelled to attend “**religious services**” of non-Indigenous [non-Indian] Muslim groups, which is in violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. This type of coercion violates the “**establishment clause**.” Majority religions should not be allowed to impose their beliefs on non-adherents. **IDOC** “**religious coercion**” is prohibited under the **Establishment Clause**, which serves to protect religious choice from government coercion. Whether direct or indirect, **IDOC** “**coercion of religious conformity**” is a violation of the **Establishment Clause**. Mandatory attendance at another’s “**religious services**” and “**religious instructions**” violates the **Establishment Clause**.

[15.] **IDOC** Denial of the Right of Worship and Religious Observation constitute a series violations: 1.) Right to Religious/Indigenous Identification, **IDOC** failure to allow inmate photograph with religious headdress: the **Red Fez**; 2.) Right to Practice **Ismaili Islam**, **IDOC** failure to allow **Ismaili Moslems** the right to participate in **Ramadan** and **Friday Jumah Pray**; 3.) Right to observe the tenets of **Ismaili Islam**, **IDOC** failure to allow the wearing of the traditional indigenous headdress: “**dreadlocks**.”

**Count II. Plaintiffs' Conspiracy Claim**

[16.] **Supervisory Officers**, the **Governor**, **Director of Corrections**, **Wardens**, **Chaplains**, including **Administrative Officers**, all employed by the State of Illinois, have "conspired" to violate "federally protected rights" guaranteed under the United States Constitution, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1986. IDOC failed to establish minimum standards for inclusion for all religious groups who desire to have "religious services" and practice the tenets of their religious faith, particularly prison inmates who are members of the **Indigenous Washitaw Nation of Muurs**, pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 1996a (d)(3) and § 1996a(d)(4).

[17.] The purpose for the "conspiracy" was to deprive prison inmates who are members of the **Washitaw Nation of Muurs** of their federally protected rights. The "conspiracy" consists of the deprivation of their "free exercise of religion," the "equal protection of the laws" and their right to retain their **Washitaw Muur Nationality**. Plaintiff's Class continue to be discriminated against, as illustrated by the fact that **Washitaw Muurs** are not allowed to practice the **Ismaili Moslem Faith**. Section 1986 of Title 42 imposes liability on any individual who possesses knowledge that "any of the wrongs" proscribed in Section 1985 that are "about to be committed," yet IDOC **Supervisory Officials** failed to take action to prevent such deprivation, as required under to 42 U.S.C. § 1986. IDOC **Defendants**, the **Director** and **Supervisory Officials**, each "conspired" among themselves, and with the **Governor**, to injure, oppress, threaten, and intimidate Plaintiff's Class. See United States v Guest, 303 U.S. 745, 86 S. Ct. 1175, 16 L. Ed. 2d. 239.

[18.] IDOC **Director**, **Wardens**, **Chaplains** and other **Supervisory Officers**, acting under color of law, maliciously and willfully denied Plaintiff's Class's "request" for equal treatment under the law. Accordingly, those who deliberately deprive one of their constitutional rights are subject to conviction under federal criminal laws: 18 U.S.C. §241, §242, & §245. See O'Shea v Littleton, 414 U.S. 488, at 503; 94 S. Ct. 669, at 679; 38 L. Ed. 2d. 674 (1974) and Lyons, 461 U.S. at 113; 103 S. Ct. at 1671 (1983).

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[19.] Each, in their “supervisory capacity,” conspired among themselves to deprive Plaintiffs’ Class of “equal protection of the laws.” The Conspirators committed acts in furtherance of the conspiracy which included 1.) the denial of an administrative hearing pertaining to “religious services,” 2.) the continuous denial “religious services,” and 3.) the ongoing retaliation against Plaintiff’s Class. As a result, Plaintiff’s Class is injured.

### Count III. Plaintiffs’ Federal Equal Protection Claim

[20.] The “equal protection of the laws” clause is violated when there is no equal accommodation. Prison inmates who are Washitaw Moslems are denied the use “chapel services,” “Religious Special Diet” and special accommodation of for “Religious Holidays” sacred to adherents of Ismaili Islam. They are not allowed to wear their traditional garments, sacred medallions and prayer Beads. They are not allowed to wear their “sash” and red Fez, their “Crescent” and “Circle Seven.” Such religious items are an intricate part of the attire of adherents of the Ismaili Moslem Faith. Most importantly, prison inmates who are Washitaw Moslems are not allowed to wear their natural hair in the sacred Dreadlocks.

[21.] IDOC failure to allow the religious observation of the birth days of key figures of the Ismaili Moslem Faith constitute a violation of the equal protection of the laws clause. As it is with all other religious faiths, so it is with the Ismaili Moslem Faith: There are important people who have contributed over and above all others to the perseverance of God, [Allah], through His Prophets, on Earth.

[22.] Here is a list of the sacred Holidays of Ismaili Islam:	Celebration Dates
1. Washitaw Prophet of Islam: <b>Noble Drew Ali I</b> , the Founder	January 8
2. Washitaw Prophet of Islam: <b>Noble Drew Ali II</b> , the Reincarnate Prophet	August 7
3. Washitaw Prophet of Islam: <b>Allah El</b> , the Nazarene Reincarnate	June 20
4. Washitaw Prophet of Islam: aka the Delaware Prophet Neolin	
5. Arabic Prophet of Islam: <b>Mohammed I</b> , the Founder	Ramadan
6. Turkish Prophet of Islam: <b>Mohammad II</b> , the Reincarnate Prophet	
7. Ismaili Prophet of Islam: <b>Mohammed ibn Ismaili</b> , the Reincarnate Prophet	
8. Washitaw Empress: <b>Verdiacee Tiara</b> , Head of the Washitaw Sheikdom/Moorish Sultanate	

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**COUNT IV. Plaintiffs' Federal Free Exercise Claim**

[23.] The “**Free exercise of religion**” clause is violated when there is a denial weekly “religious services.” **IDOC** prison inmates who are **Washitaw Moslems** are not allowed to attend “religious services,” which is a violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. **Ismaili Moslems** are not allowed to practice their **Islamic Faith** on the **Sabbath**, which is on Fridays in the Islamic tradition. They are not allowed visiting ministers to perform “**special religious services**,” lectures, and **Sunday School** lessons. They are allowed to meet on Fridays or Sundays when they learn about their history, their religion and their tradition; while other religious groups are given the opportunity to have all of these activities.

**Count V. Plaintiffs' Discrimination Claim On Religious/Indigenous Grounds**

[24.] In addition to Title 42 U.S.C. § 1981(e), for the protection of “**national origin**” [“**nationality**”] and “**religion**,” and the “**Full Faith and Credit**” clause under Article IV, section 1, of the United States Constitution, state and federal governments are required to acknowledgement of the **Washitaw “religious community**,” known as the **Moorish Science Temple of America**, incorporated in the **State of Illinois** for the purpose perpetuating the Indigenous traditional **religion and nation of Muurs**, given recognition in the several states and the **United States of America** pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 1739:

**A. Plaintiff's “Nationality” or “National Origin” is protected under International Law:**

1. Article 15, sections 1 & 2 U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948;
2. 61 Fed. Reg. 68991 U.S. Implementation of International Human Rights Treaties, 1998;
3. Articles 5, 9, 31, 32, & 37 U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2006;
4. Articles 14 & 15 ILO Convention No 169 Concerning Indigenous Peoples, 1991;
5. Article 11, U.N. Int'l Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
6. Article 24, section 3 U.N. Int'l Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, April 2, 1992;
7. Article 20, sections 1, 2 & 3 O.A.S. American Convention of Human Rights, 1978;
8. Articles III & VI Louisiana Cession Treaty of 1803, 8 Stat 200, April 30, 1803;
9. Article 52 [33 UST 883]U.N. Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties [527 USTS 189].

**B. Plaintiff's “Religion” or “Indigenous/Aboriginal Origin” is protected under International Law:**

1. Article 18 U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1998.
2. Article 6(a), 6(c), 6(e), 6(h) U.N. Declaration, Elimination, Discrimination, Religion
3. Article 4 U.N. Int'l Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, April 2, 1992.
4. 42 U.S.C. §1996, 92 Stat. 469, PL 95-341, section 1;  
Protection and Preservation of Traditional Religions of Native Americans Act  
Of August 11, 1978, so-called American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

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5. **42 U.S.C. §2000bb et seq., 107 Stat. 1488, PL 103-141**, subsection (b);  
 Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, **PL 103-317, Title VI, Section 610**  
**§2000bb et seq., 108 Stat. 1774, §(a)(4)** “free exercise of religion”  
**§(a)(6)** “reinstatement of RFRA of 1993”  
**§(b)** “Prohibition against Harassment”

6. **22 U.S.C. 6401(a)(1) et seq., 112 Stat. 2787-2800, PL 105-292**, sections 2 & 3;  
 International Religious Freedom Act of October 27, 1998.

**C. U.S. Implementation of Human Rights Treaties, Executive Order 13107: December 10, 1998;**  
**Section 1. Implementation of Human Rights Obligations, Articles (a) and (b).**

**D. Plaintiff’s “Non-Resident Alien” and “Foreign Status:” Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952**  
**As Amended, PL 103-416, 108 Stat 4305;**

**E. Conferring “Non-Resident Alien” and “U.S. non-citizen national” status on Indigenous Peoples**

1. **8 U.S.C. §1408, §1502; 15 Stat. 223-224;**
2. **8 U.S.C. §1101(21) & §1101 (22); 54 Stat 1137, §101(a)(3), §101(a)(23), §101(a)(38);**  
**§301(b), §310 & §311;**
3. **8 U.S.C. §1452, sections 341(a), (b), & (c); 100 Stat 843, August 27, 1986;**  
**PL 99-396, sections 16(a), (b), & (c).**
4. See: Wong Kim Ark-Elk v. Wilkins, **112 U.S. 94** (1884)  
Wong Kim Ark-Elk v. United States, **169 U.S. 649** (1898)

## **IX. Challenged IDOC Policies**

[25.] These are the **Challenged IDOC Policies**: 1.) IDOC imposed substantial burden on Washitaw inmates’ religious practice; 2.) IDOC did not imposed the least restrictive alternatives to achieve IDOC’s interest in prison security; and therefore, 3.) IDOC’s Policies are in violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution:

[26.] (a) **“Grooming Policy,”** (b) **“Ramadan Religious Practice Policy,”** (c) **“Religious Services Policy,”** (d) **“Religious Holiday Services Policy,”** (e) **“Religious Garment Policy,”** and (f) **“Religious Special Diet Policy,”** each violate the Protection of Religious Exercise in Land Use and by Institutionalized Persons Act [“PLUIPA”] of September 22, 2000 [42 U.S.C.A. § 2000cc et seq.], the Prison Litigation Reform Act [“PLRA”] of April 26, 1996 [42 U.S.C.A. § 1997 et seq.] and the Protection of Rights of Indians and Indian Tribes Act of October 6, 1994 [42 U.S.C.A. § 1996a(d) et seq ].

## X. Standard Of Review

[27.] As a result, Washitaw inmates who practice **Ismaili Islam** face the possibility of irreparable injury absent the issuance of a preliminary injunction. The injunction would enjoin **IDOC** Defendants, and all persons acting in concert with them, from implementing the Challenged **IDOC** policies. See Sammartano v First Judicial District Court, 303 F. 3d. 959, at 964-965 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002), Warsoldier v Woodord, 418 F. 3d. 989-1002 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005), Cutter v Wilkinson, 125 S. Ct. 2113, at 2115, 2117, 2118; 161 L. Ed. 2d. 1020 (2005), and Mayweathers v Newland, 314 F. 3d. 1062, at 1070 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002).

[28.] Nearly all **IDOC** Wardens were given “requests” from **Washitaw Muurs** for **Ismaili Islam** “religion services” and “indigenous ceremonial services;” and on every occasion **Plaintiffs’ Class** has been denied in violation of the “Establish Clause.” For over a period of ten (10) years, “requests” have been denied; and meanwhile, inmates of other religious groups have enjoyed the religious privileges that were denied **Washitaw Moslems**. In fact, the **Plaintiffs’ Class** were not permitted to “assembly” any where in any prison facility at any time for any reason. Attendance for “religious services” by adherents of **Ismaili Islam** has never been approved.

[29.] This infringement on the constitutional rights of **Plaintiffs’ Class** has been “intentional” and purposeful. See Shango v Jurich, 681 F. 2d. 1091 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982). **IDOC Supervisory Officials and Employees** “knowingly and willingly” participated in the “deprivation.” See McBride v Soos, 679 F. 2d. 1223 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982) and Adams v Pate, 445 F. 2d. 105 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1971). Because **Supervisory Officials** deliberately failed to act to prevent the “deprivation,” their actions “contributed to the misconduct of their subordinates.” Each have “personal liability.” See Wolf-Lillie v Sonquist, 699 F. 2d 864, at 869 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983), Smith v Rose, 761 F. 2d. 360 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985) and Rascon v Hardiman, 803 F. 2d. 269 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986).

[30.] **Plaintiffs’ Class** is a “discrete and insular minority” whose rights are deprived by the **State of Illinois** and through the **Illinois Department of Corrections**. See Graham v Richardson, 403 U.S. 365 (1971) and Palmore v Sidoti, 466 U.S. 429 (1984).

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[31.] Plaintiffs' Class is not required to exhaust an administrative procedure before bringing suit in federal court under Title 42 U.S.C. §1983. See Monroe v. Pape, 365 U.S. 167 (1961). Plaintiffs' Class is denied the free excises of religion. See Battle v. Anderson, 376 F. Supp. 402, at 427 ( ). Plaintiffs' Class is denied ministerial visits. See Walker v. Blackwell, 411 F. 2d. 23, (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1969). Plaintiffs' Class is denied "religious Services:"

Cooper v. Pate, 378 U.S. 546 (1964)  
382 F. 2d. 518 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1967)

Theriault v. Carlson  
339 F. Supp. 375 (ND Ga. 1972)  
495 F. 2d. 390 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1974)  
419 U.S. 1003 (1974)

Lipscom Bey v. Peters III  
Civil No. 92-55 (WDS IL 1993)

Knuckles v. Prasse, 435 F.2d. 1255 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 1970)  
403 U.S. 936 (1971)

Cruz v. Beto, 405 U.S. 319 (1972)

Mims v. Shapp, 399 F. Supp. 818 (WD Pa. 1975)  
541 F. 2d 415 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 1976)

Johnson-Bey v. Chrans  
863 F. 2d. 1308, at 1311 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988)

[32.] After 1978, the Courts decided that state and local agencies could be held liable under Section 1983 for what their employees do. See Monnell v. Department of Social Services, 436 U.S. 658 (1978). In Monnell, the Court held that the municipality will be liable if the unconstitutional action taken by its employees were caused by a municipal "policy" or "custom." The Court went beyond Monroe v. Pape (1961) and ruled that local governments were Not immune from suit under Title 42, Section 1983 of the United States Code.

[33.] In Monnell, the Court enabled civil rights plaintiffs to seek monetary recovery from state or local governments for constitutional violations, such as: 1.) The disregard for Illinois State statute or statutes of the United States, 2.) The practice of **unlawful deprivations** and **constitutional violations**, and 3.) The illegal "**establishment of religion**." Accordingly, **IDOC Supervisory Officials and Employees** may be held liable for **deprivation of rights**. To the extent that the **deprivation of rights** is the practice of the **Illinois Department of Corrections** ["IDOC"], the Department should be held liable for damages and sued in its own name. See Webster v. City of Houston, 735 F. 2d. 838 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984); and Owen v. City of Independence, 445 U.S. 622 (1980).

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[34.] In another 1985 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that a money judgment against a public officer “in his official capacity” imposes liability upon the “employing agency,” regardless of whether or not the “agency” was named as a defendant in the suit. See Brandon v. Holt, 105 S. Ct. 873 (1985). The **Illinois Department of Corrections** may be held liable for civil rights violations on the basis of a single decision [as opposed to a “pattern of decisions”] made by an authorized **state policy**. See Pembaur v. City of Cincinnati, 475 U.S. 469 (1986).

[35.] Plaintiffs’ Class efforts to retain their “nationality” and “religion” are met with formidable resistance. See Manning v. Bolden, 25 Fed. App. 269, at 272 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001); Vandiver v. Martin, 48 Fed. App. 517, at 519 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir., 2002); Toolasprashed v. Bureau of Prisons, 286 F. 3d. 576, at 585 (D.C. Cir. 2002); and THADDEUS-X v. Blatter, 175 F. 3d. 379, at 396–398 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999). The confiscation of “religious” and “nationality” documents is an unlawful act. See United States v. Goodwin, 102 S. Ct. 2485, 73 L. Ed. 2d. 74, 457 U.S. 368 (1982).

## XI. Argument

### A. IDOC Culpritability

[36.] Defendant **Illinois Department of Correction** [“IDOC”] is an agency/department of the **State of Illinois**; and therefore, the IDOC, its **Officers** and **Employees**, should be held liable for **Deprivation of Federally Protected Rights** [42 U.S.C. § 1983], **Conspiracy to Deprive Persons of their Federally Protected Rights** [42 U.S.C. § 1985(3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1986]. See United States v Guest, 383 U.S. 745, 86 S. Ct. 1175, and 16 L. Ed. 2d. 239 (1966).

[37.] Under Title 42 U.S.C. §1983, civil right laws are held to apply to “state actions” because the actions of departments stems from the State’s “delegation of authority.” It is the State itself that creates the power of the “actor” [IDOC Officers and Employees] in the name of the department [IDOC]; and this fact provides the remedy for redressing the abuses of authority by departments/agencies and their employees.

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[38.] When a “religious forum” is not open to a particular religious group and inmates adherents, the absence of such forum constitute a denial of “exercise of religion.” When there is hostility toward a particular “religion” and/or “nationality,” inmates adherents may file suit to remedy the situation. The “equal protection of the laws” clause has been violated.

**B. Discrimination Based On Nationality and Religion**

[39.] Although liability under federal law is based primarily on Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983, entitled **Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights**, criminal charges may be brought under Title 18 U.S.C. §241, §242, §245, and §247 for **“Conspiracy to Deprive a person of Rights”** where “Liability for Deprivation” has been established for **“Violations of Federally Protected Activities:”**

Title 42 U.S.C. §1981(c)	Protection against Impairment of Rights, Equal Rights under the Law; Discrimination against Plaintiff's: a) National Origin: an Indigenous/Indian National b) Religion: a Moslem of the Moorish Science Temple
Title 18 U.S.C. §247	Failure to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff's “free exercise” a) Indigenous/Indian Status b) Religious belief and practices
Title 42 U.S.C. §1982; 18: §247	Property Rights, Damage to Religious Property
Title 42 U.S.C. §1983; 18: §242	Criminal and Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights
Title 42 U.S.C. §1985; 18: §241	Conspiracy to Interfere with Federally Protected Rights
Title 42 U.S.C. §1986; 18: §245	Civil Action for failure or neglect to Prevent a Deprivation
Title 42 U.S.C. §1987	
Title 42 U.S.C. §1988(a)	Applicability of Statutory Law In conjunction with 28 U.S.C. § 1337(a), an invocation of the Court's pendent or “supplemental” jurisdiction to hear claims arising under Michigan State statutes.
Title 42 U.S.C. §1988(b)	Appointment of Counsel and Attorney fees

[40.] The **State of Illinois** and the **Illinois Department of Correction**, as well as **IDOC Officers and Supervisory Officers**, are each to be held liable for the unconstitutional **“policy”** and subsequent **“practice”** of disregarding the **Constitution for the United States**: a **“discrimination”** against Plaintiffs’ **“national origin” / “nationality”** and **“religion”** under Title 42 U.S.C. §1981(c), the direct and proximate cause of **“negligence”** suffered by Plaintiffs’ Class.

**First Amendment:**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Clause, shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion;
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
- C. 5<sup>th</sup> Clause, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble;
- D. 6<sup>th</sup> Clause, and to petition the Government for redress of grievance.

**Fourteenth Amendment, Section I:**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Clause, "nor shall any State deprive any person of . . . property, without due process;
- B. 4<sup>th</sup> Clause, "nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

**C. Plaintiffs' Complaint Should Not Be Denied**

[41.] Plaintiffs' Complaint should not be denied because Plaintiffs' have properly invoked this Court's "subject matter" jurisdiction, under 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000cc, and have requested that this Court exercise its "supplemental jurisdiction" granted under 28 U.S.C. § 1337 over state law claims brought under Illinois State Statutes. Specific claims are alleged upon which relief may be granted against the Illinois Department of Corrections ["IDOC"] and its Supervisory Officers and Employees. Federal courts, as in Cruz v. Beto [405 U.S. 319 (1972)], have enforced the constitutional rights of incarcerated "persons:"

. . . We are not unmindful that prison officials must be accorded latitude in the administration of prison affairs, and that prisoners necessarily are subject to appropriate rules and regulations. But persons in prison, like other individuals, have the right to petition the Government for redress of grievances which, of course, includes 'access of prisoners to the courts for the purpose of presenting their complaints [405 U.S., at 321].

**D. Plaintiff's Request For Equitable Relief Should Be Granted**

[42.] Plaintiffs' Motions for Injunctive and Equitable Relief should be granted because Plaintiffs' Class is in compliance with Illinois and federal laws, as well as the Court's rules and procedure. The grounds for granting Plaintiffs' Motions and Prayer for Equitable Relief are predicated on the fact that Plaintiffs' Class have been deprived of federally protected rights 1.) "free exercise of religion," 2.) "equal protection of the laws" and 3.) "establishment clause."

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**XII. Request For Writ Of Mandamus**

[43.] **Plaintiffs' Class** prays that the Court enters an **ORDER** of Judgment against the Defendants for **Injunctive Relief** under **Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 65(a)**, pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 2281** and **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000a-3**, requiring the **Illinois Department of Corrections** to accommodate **Plaintiffs' Class**, pursuant to **42 U.S.C. §1981(c)**; and requiring the **Illinois Department of Corrections** to consent to "religious services" for inmates who members of the **Washitaw Nation of Muurs**; and requiring United States District Court to compel the performance of **Supervisory Officers**, employed by the **Illinois Department of Corrections**, to act in accordance with **Michigan State** statutes and statutes of the **United States**, pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 1361**.

**XIII. Request For Writ Of Execution**

[44.] **Plaintiff's Class** has no adequate remedy at law to redress the wrongs herein alleged and which are ongoing, save that provided under Title **42 U.S.C. § 1983** and **Declaratory Relief** under **Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 57**, pursuant to **28 U.S.C. §§ 2202-2202**. **Plaintiffs' Class** has suffered, and continues to suffer, irreparable injury from Defendant's acts and omissions, under the misguided policies and practices of the **Illinois Department of Corrections**.

**XIV. Request For Declaratory Judgment**

[45.] **Plaintiffs' Class** prays that the Court enters an **ORDER** of Judgment against the Defendants for **Actual/Compensatory Damages** in the amount of **\$100,000.00** per Defendant, or in an amount sufficient to fully compensate the **Plaintiffs' Class** for injuries, damages and losses incurred at the expense of Plaintiffs' "national origin" / "nationality" and "religion."

[46.] **Plaintiffs' Class** prays that the Court enters an **ORDER** of Judgment against the Defendants for **Punitive/Exemplary Damages** in the amount of **\$100,000.00** per Defendant, or in an amount sufficient to adequately punish Defendants for their actions and omissions at the expense of Plaintiffs' "national origin" / "nationality" and "religion."

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**[47.] Plaintiffs' Class** prays that the Court enters an **ORDER** of Judgment against the Defendants for the cost of litigation and court fees, for legal counsel and attorneys fees, for indemnity bonds [subrogation/indemnification], and/or for any other relief the Court may deem appropriate, just and proper, pursuant to **42 U.S.C. §1983 et seq.** and **42 U.S.C.A. § 2000cc et seq.**

**XV. Plaintiffs' Class Postscript**

**[48.] Retaliatory treatment has placed a substantial burden on Plaintiffs' Class and has severely jeopardize their ability to assert their claims in this Class Action against the IDOC.**

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## **Complaint: A Class Action**

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3. MSTA Adopted As the Religious Organization for the Washitaw Nation;
4. Illinois Tax Exemption for the Moorish Science Temple Of America, Inc.;
5. Trust EIN for the Moorish Science Temple Of America, Inc.;
6. Senate Acknowledgement of Washitaw Nation of Muurs as Indigenous/Indian;

**III. Certificate Of Service: Complaint. Mailed To All Parties Listed.**

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<b>RICKY ROBINSON-EL, et al.</b>	)	<b>CASE NO.</b>
	)	
<b>Petitioners/Plaintiffs</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v</b>	)	<b>ASSIGNED JUDGE</b>
	)	
<b>STATE OF ILLINOIS, et al.</b>	)	<b>CLASS ACITON</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondents/Defendants</b>	)	<b>DESIGNATED, MAGISTRATE JUDGE</b>
	)	

The Undersigned, Petitioner/Plaintiff, In Propria Persona [non-attorney], enters the Petition for Want of Jurisdiction  
The Petitioner/Plaintiff: Indigenous, U.S. Non-Citizen, American National of the Washitaw Nation of Muurs

**Proof Of Service: [First Of Two Pages]**  
**Complaint: Class Action [Filed Monday, July 30, 2007 ?]**

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare: On **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, I served a true copy of the **Complaint**, by depositing said true copy in the United States mail, Certified Return Receipt, postage prepaid, to the persons named below [**Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(d)(6)**].

I, **Rickey Robinson-El**, declare that I am the movant in the above entitled action; and that I, and Others like Myself, believe We are entitled to Relief. Plaintiff states that the facts contained herein are true and correct under penalty of perjury, pursuant to International Law and to the laws for the United States of America [28 C.F.R. §16.41(d) and 28 U.S.C. §1746(1)].

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**Executed On July 30, 2007.**

/s/ *Rickey Robinson-El*

Signature of Plaintiff  
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July 30, 2007

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in re: "OUR AUTHORITY": PAGE 579\*State of Illinois, Cook County  
ss No. 10105905

Filed for Record

CORPORATION --- Religious --- Affidavit of Organization  
Form No. 1099  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
County of COOK

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I, NOBLE DREW ALI,.....Recorder  
Salomes Jasconowskic

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.....held

at.....Chicago.....in the County of COOK.....

and State of Illinois, on the.....20th.....day of

.....July.....A.D. 1928, for that purpose, the fol-

lowing persons were appointed.....SHIEKS.....

.....according to the rules and usages of such

## MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

do solemnly swear that at the meeting of the members of the NOBLE DREW ALI, MEALY EL, SMALL BEY, LOVETT BEY AND FOREMAN BEY. The Moorish Science Temple of America deriving its power and authority from the Great Koran of Mohammed to propogate the faith and extend the learning and truth of the Great Prophet of ALI in America. To appoint and consecrate missionaries of the prophet and to establish the faith of Mohammed in America.

And said MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA adopted as its corporate name, the following MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA..

And at said meeting, this affiant acted as Presiding officer  
Subscribed and Sworn to Before me.

.....20th.....day of

.....July.....A.D. 1928.....

Drew Ali.....  
Roberta W. Counull  
Notary Public

c/o P.O. Box 21318, Chicago, Washitaw Province, Via: u.s.A. postal zone 60621-0318  
\* EMPERIAL HEADOUARTERS.WASHITAW PROPER \*



**Illinois Department of Revenue**

Office of Local Government Services  
Sales Tax Exemption Section, 3-520  
101 W. Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62702  
217 782-8881

December 31, 2004

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC  
REINCARNATE TMEPILE 1  
USA PO BOX 21318  
CHICAGO IL 60621-0318

We have received your recent letter; and based on the information you furnished, we believe

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC  
of  
CHICAGO, IL

is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes.

Consequently, sales of any kind to this organization are exempt from the Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax (both state and local), the Use Tax, and the Service Use Tax in Illinois.

We have issued your organization the following tax exemption identification number: E9939-0647-01. To claim the exemption, you must provide this number to your suppliers when purchasing tangible personal property for organizational use. This exemption may not be used by individual members of the organization to make purchases for their individual use.

This exemption will expire on January 1, 2010, unless you apply to the Illinois Department of Revenue for renewal at least three months prior to the expiration date.

Office of Local Government Services  
Illinois Department of Revenue



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
HOLTSVILLE NY 11742-9003

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Employer Identification Number:  
56-2473981

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

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1-800-829-4933

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
% RAVANNA SANDERS-BEY  
PO BOX 21318  
CHICAGO IL 60621

**IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE  
STUB OF THIS NOTICE.**

**WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 56-2473981. This EIN will identify your business account, tax returns, and documents even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, please use the label IRS provided. If that isn't possible, you should use your EIN and complete name and address shown above on all federal tax forms, payments and related correspondence. If this information isn't correct, please correct it using the tear off stub from this notice. Return it to us so we can correct your account. If you use any variation of your name or EIN, it may cause a delay in processing and may result in incorrect information in your account. It also could cause you to be assigned more than one EIN.

If you want to apply to receive a ruling or a determination letter recognizing your organization as tax exempt, and have not already done so, you should file Form 1023/1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, with the IRS Ohio Key District Office. Publication 557, Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization, is available at most IRS offices and has details on how you can apply.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- \* Keep a copy of this notice in your permanent records.
- \* Use this EIN and your name exactly as they appear above on all your federal tax forms.
- \* Refer to this EIN on your tax related correspondence and documents.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Dear Ravanna:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of September 14, 2006 regarding your situation.

Your situation is in the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Therefore, I have forwarded your letter to their attention.

Ravanna, I do hope your situation can be resolved favorably.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator

JM/xcs

# The Moorish Science Temple of America Inc.

## Prophet Noble drew Ali, Founder

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#### MEMORANDUM

To : Institutional Wardens/Administrators  
Through : Institutional Staff Chaplains  
From : The Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.  
Subject : Our Authority  
Re : The Establishment of Temples Within Correctional Institutions

The Moorish Science Temple of America is a lawfully chartered and incorporated organization founded by the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, in 1913 A.D. We were incorporated in the state of Illinois, Cook County in 1928. The Prophet has charters, which can be issued, to every state throughout the United States, etc. All Branch Temples of the M.S.T. of A. Inc., are subordinate Temples as are our institutional branch temples. They are issued a WARRANT of AUTHORITY, which states the responsibilities and duties of every member. Their obligation is to live according to the principles of LOVE, TRUTH, PEACE, FREEDOM, and JUSTICE.

Under the directions of Brother R. Love El, Grand Sheik of The M.S.T. of A., and other officials, Grand Governors, Divine Ministers, etc., of the M.S.T. of A., members are guided by the laws of the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali. As to the strict conformity of the Rules and Regulations of this divine Movement each Institutional Branch Temple has a Divine Constitution and by laws, they also have additional laws to govern their actions and direct them towards that which is right. They are instructed that if they violate the laws of this Holy and Divine movement, their warrant of Authority can be revoked.

The Prophet Noble Drew Ali, founded this incorporated organization and structured it in such a way (We believe by the Will of The Great God Allah), that every temple and branch temple can function independently without violating any laws, rules, or regulations of the M.S.T. of A. Inc., and act in accordance with the laws of the state and institutions they reside in.

In Temples and Branch Temples, there is a Grand Sheik, who is the spiritual leader and ensures that the Temple is functioning under the principles of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice. The Assistant Grand Sheik assists The Grand Sheik in all affairs.

The Chairman calls the meetings to order and ensures it is guided according to the laws of the Prophet. There is a Secretary who keeps the minutes of the meetings. Treasurers and Muftis ushers and assist in keeping the meeting peaceful and orderly.

**IN INSTITUTIONS THEY ARE ACTING OFFICIALS.** Together these acting officials can open and close a meeting without the necessity of a visiting minister at each and every meeting. The Officials of the M.S.T. of A. Inc., communicate with the institutions and the acting officials on a regular basis. Also, we try and visit as often as possible to ascertain the spiritual development and growth of our members in institutions.

The M.S.T of A. Inc., publishes The Moorish American Voice Newspaper regularly to keep the Moors in the various Temples and Institutional Branch Temples aware of the events of the organization and also to use it as a teaching tool in institutions.

It is our hope that you will allow our members in your facility to conduct their meetings as prescribed by the laws of The Government as a Religious Right. The members are required to meet on Friday, which is the Holy Day for Moslems all over the world. It is a strict act of our Faith to Pray and Worship in Congregation on this said day. In Act Five of Our Additional Laws; it is prescribed that members promptly attend their Sunday School Services as well. It is through this meeting, (Sunday School) that members learn to live the principles as instructed by The Holy Prophet Nobel Drew Ali. They learn to study the things in life that will make them better citizens and obey the laws of the government.

It is the aforementioned in mind that we respectfully ask you to allow our members to meet on these prescribed days, that they may learn to Love instead of Hate, learn to be better citizens and obey the laws of the government, although a visiting Minister may not be in attendance. It is worthy also to mention there are three Holidays that The M.S.T. of A. Inc., celebrate. They are January 8<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Prophet Nobel Drew Ali's Birthday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Moorish New Year, and March 17<sup>th</sup>, Tag Day.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter world greatly be appreciated, as this is an issue of importance in continuing the legacy of our Prophet. I hope to hear from you at you earliest convenience. You can reach me either at the address listed below or by phone.

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